(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of assistance received from foreign countries and WHO for the implementation of TB control schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) No Sir. On the contrary the performance of the Revised National TB control programme being implemented in the country in a phased manner since 1997 has been acclaimed nationally and internationally.

As per estimates, about 2.2 million new TB cases are occuring every year in the country. The number of TB cases reported under the programme during the last few years has been more or less static.

With an objective of achieving a cure rate of 85% of new sputum positive cases and to detect at least 70% of such cases, the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in the country in phased manner. More than 600 million population has already been convered under the revised strategy. The performance of the revised strategy has been encouraging as more than 8 out of every 10 patients put on treatment under revised strategy are successfully treated as against less than 4 in the earlier programme.

(d) The revised National TB Control Programme is being implemented in the country primarily with assistance of the World Bank. In addition, the Danish International Development Agency of Denmark (DANIDA) and Department for International Development (DFID) of UK are providing assistance for the implementation of the Programme in the States of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh respectively. Assistance received from these international agencies in the last three years is given below :—

World Bank	:	Rs. 196.18 crores
DFID	:	Rs. 76.25 crores
DANIDA	:	Rs. 21.67 crores

In addition, WHO provides technical assistance to monitor the programme.

Jeevan Aadhar Scheme for Mentally Retarded Persons

*435. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Jeevan Aadhar scheme for mentally retarded persons having less than 50 per cent IQ.

(b) the number of persons who have been benefited by the scheme and the details of the benefits availed of by them; and

(c) whether this scheme is being broadened to include persons of all IQ levels?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) The Jeevan Aadhar Plan administered by Life Insurance Corporation of India, launched on 17-01-1996, is specially designed to make provision for the maintenance of disabled dependents. An individual can take an assurance on his/her life to provide for payment of lump sum and an annuity to the disabled dependent including mentally Retarted persons of I.Q. less than 50. The payment benefit is made to the nominee who may either be the disabled dependent or any other person or Trust. The claim amount is to be utilised for the benefit of the disabled dependent. The premium paid under this plan is eligible for rebate under Section 80 DD of Income Tax Act, 1961.

(b) About 7745 policies have been sold under the Plan Upto March 2002. Rs. 51.61 lakhs has been claimed against 52 death claims.

(c) No, Sir.

HIV Test Before Marriage

†*436. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA :
SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Jammu and Kashmir High Court has stated that HIV test is necesary before marriage; and

(b) if so, Government reaction in this regard and by when the required legislation is likely to be brought?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Impact of US-Iraq war on Indian Export-Import

*437. DR. ABRAR AHMED :
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the impact of US-Iraq war on Indian export-import market?

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